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For

:PROCEDURE OF GENETIC RECOMBINATION FOR

GALINACEAE HYBRIDS BREEDING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND COVER LETTER SUBMITTING AMENDED PAGES OF APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 23313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed please find substitute sheets of the above-identified application upon which the International Preliminary Examination Report, including its annex, was established. In particular, Applicant submits herewith replacement sheets of specification, claims and drawings, upon which the International Preliminary Examination Report is based. Specifically, Applicant submits herewith replacement sheets 1-11 of the description, to replace pages 1-10 of the originally filed International Application; replacement sheets 12-13 containing claims 1-5 to replace pages 11-12 and claims 1-5 of the originally filed International Application; and replacement sheets 14-15 containing Figures 1 and 2 to replace pages 1/2 and 2/2 and Figures 1 and 2 of the originally filed International

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Application.

Further, for the convenience of the Examiner, the replacement sheets being submitted herewith have each been labeled "Amended Sheet", so that the Examiner can readily ascertain which papers are the replacement sheets.

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully requests examination on the merits of the application including Amended Sheets 1-11 of specification, Amended Sheets 12-13 including claims 1-5, and Amended Sheets 14-15 including Figures 1 and 2 of the Drawings.

Additionally, prior to the examination of the above-identified modified application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment to remove multiple dependency in the claims.